

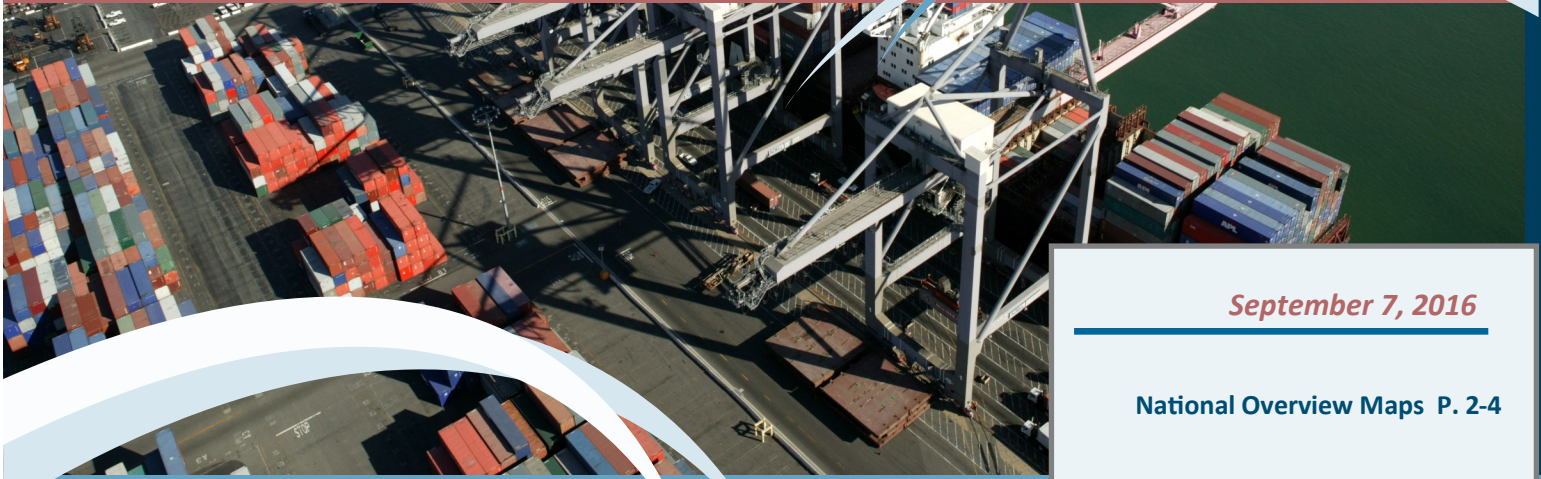


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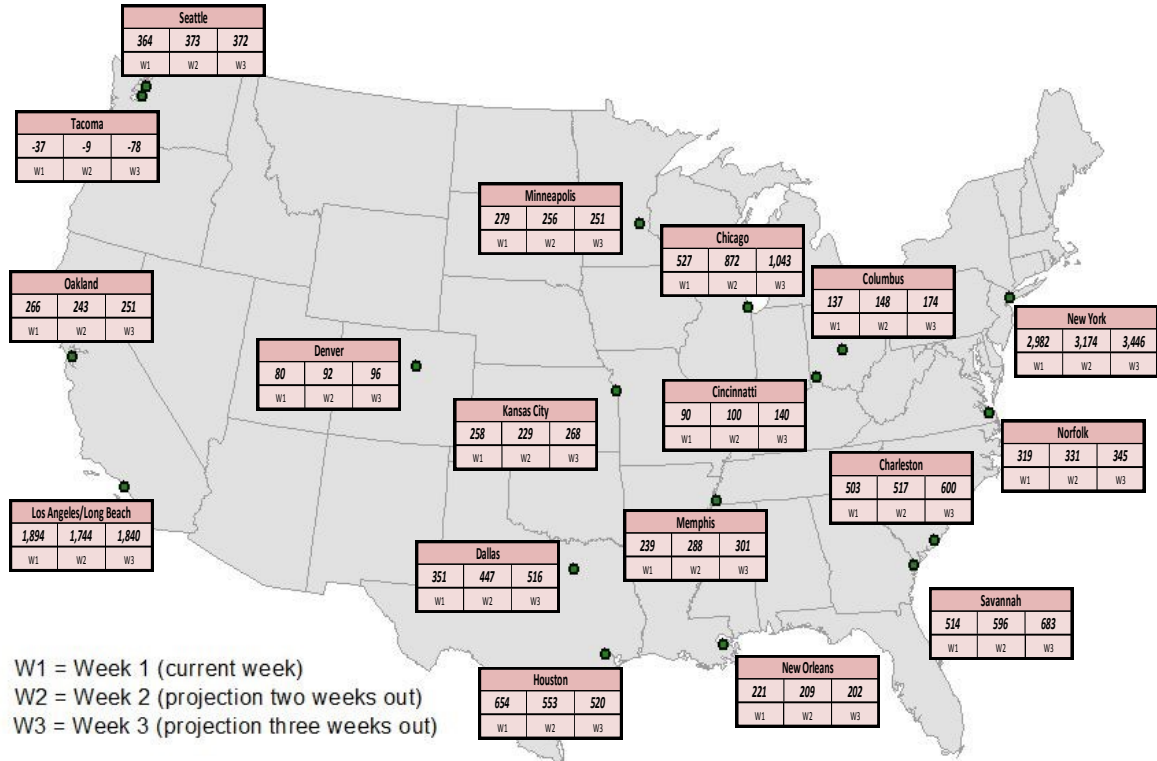
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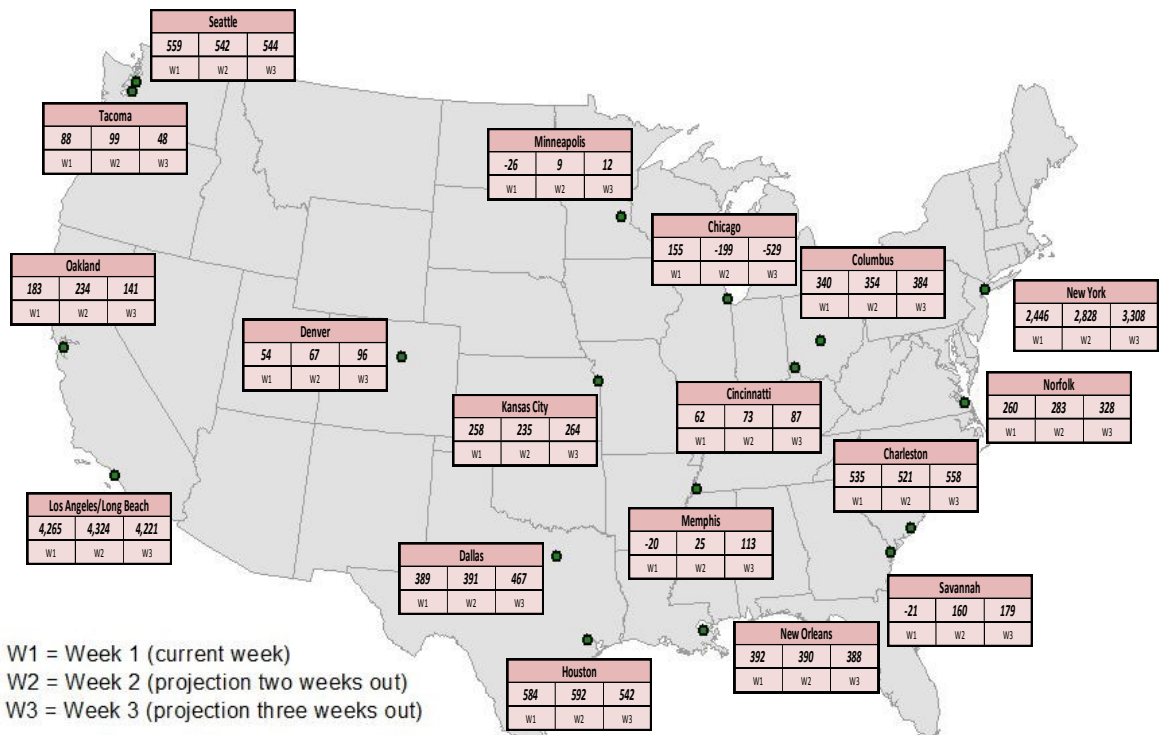
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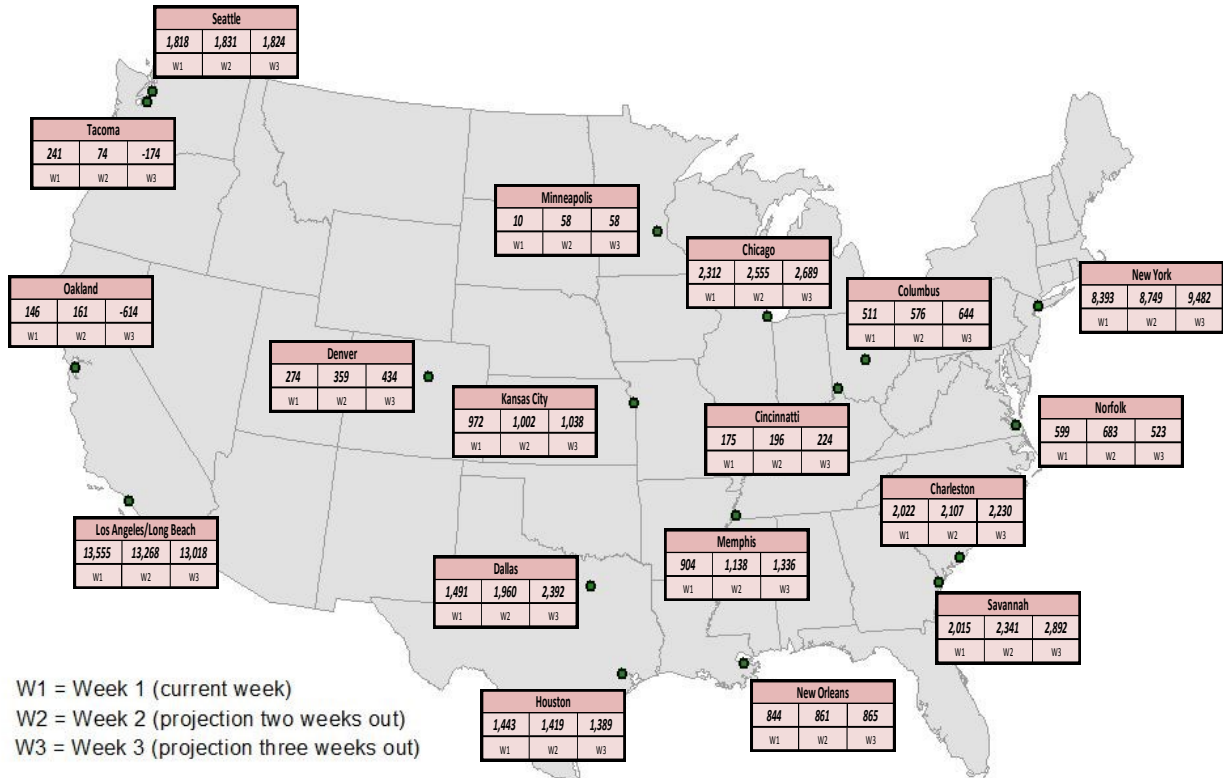


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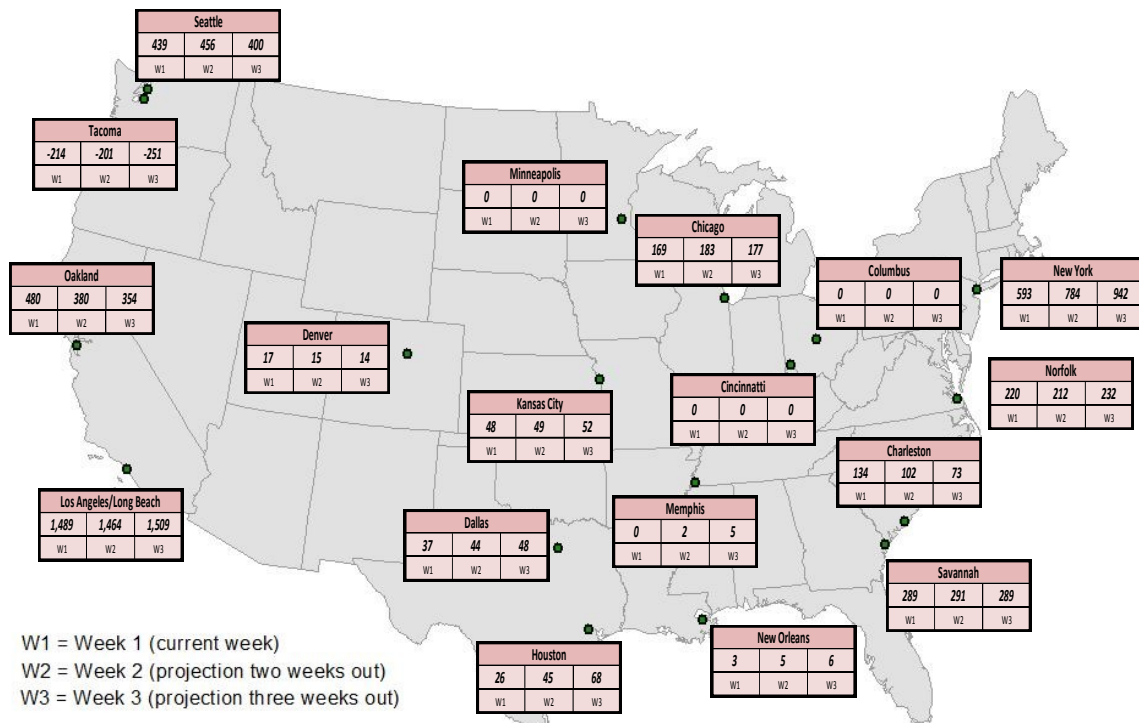
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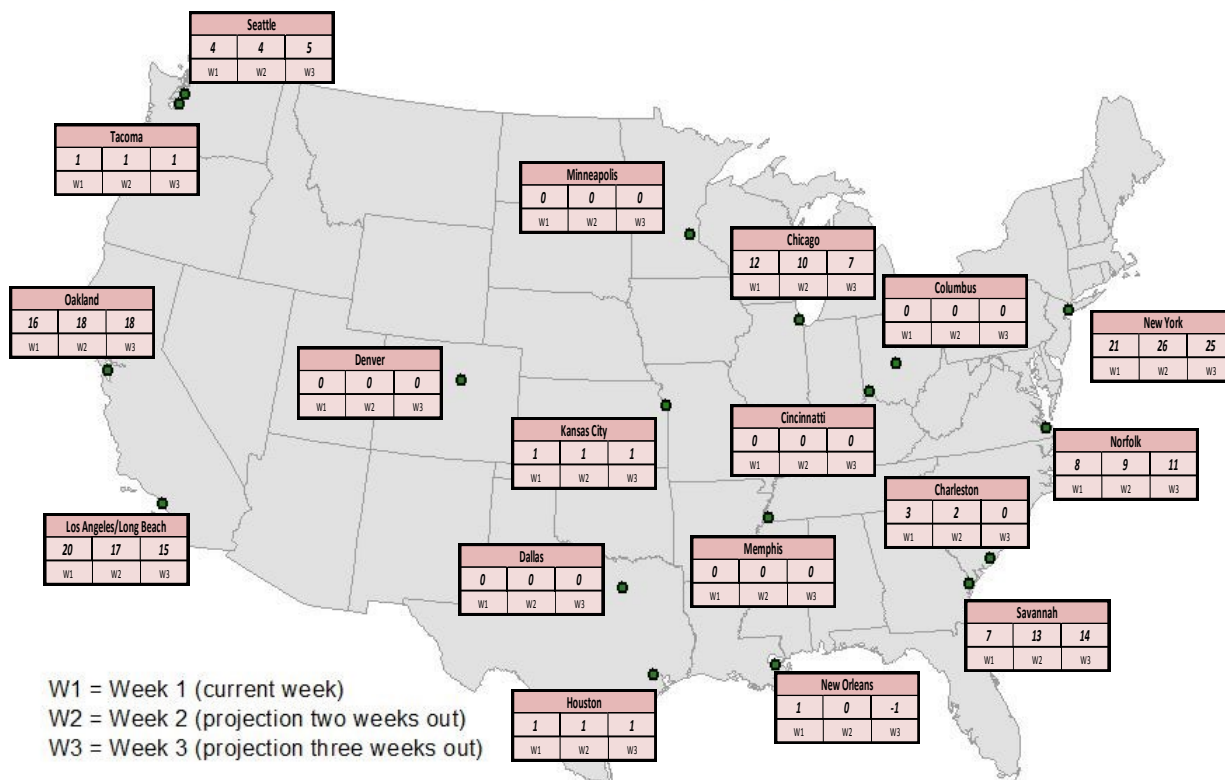


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Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	208	144	87	64	.	503
Week 2: Sep 14-20	208	169	114	26	.	517
Week 3: Sep 21-27	208	192	135	65	.	600
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	372	267	199	27	.	865
Week 2: Sep 14-20	372	271	203	33	.	879
Week 3: Sep 21-27	372	287	217	57	.	933
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	1,116	362	334	210	.	2,022
Week 2: Sep 14-20	1,116	400	374	217	.	2,107
Week 3: Sep 21-27	1,116	475	416	223	.	2,230
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	104	20	6	4	.	134
Week 2: Sep 14-20	98	7	-7	4	.	102
Week 3: Sep 21-27	86	3	-20	4	.	73
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	2	1	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Sep 14-20	2	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Sep 21-27	2	-2	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Chicago						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	235	219	217	-144	.	527
Week 2: Sep 14-20	268	219	399	-14	.	872
Week 3: Sep 21-27	406	219	452	-34	.	1,043
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	282	196	-3	-320	.	155
Week 2: Sep 14-20	282	75	42	-598	.	-199
Week 3: Sep 21-27	282	82	-20	-873	.	-529
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	1,099	966	208	39	.	2,312
Week 2: Sep 14-20	1,530	966	-22	81	.	2,555
Week 3: Sep 21-27	1,813	966	-57	-33	.	2,689
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	169	0	.	.	.	169
Week 2: Sep 14-20	183	0	.	.	.	183
Week 3: Sep 21-27	177	0	.	.	.	177
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	12	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Sep 14-20	10	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Sep 21-27	7	.	.	.	.	7

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Cincinnati						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	46	21	15	8	.	90
Week 2: Sep 14-20	54	21	23	2	.	100
Week 3: Sep 21-27	70	21	33	16	.	140
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	44	16	7	-5	.	62
Week 2: Sep 14-20	55	16	2	0	.	73
Week 3: Sep 21-27	64	16	7	0	.	87
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	79	66	26	4	.	175
Week 2: Sep 14-20	105	66	21	4	.	196
Week 3: Sep 21-27	128	66	24	6	.	224
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 14-20	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 21-27	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	0
Week 2: Sep 14-20	0
Week 3: Sep 21-27	0

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Columbus						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	61	47	35	-6	.	137
Week 2: Sep 14-20	61	55	34	-2	.	148
Week 3: Sep 21-27	61	60	53	0	.	174
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	162	146	29	3	.	340
Week 2: Sep 14-20	162	184	26	-18	.	354
Week 3: Sep 21-27	162	210	36	-24	.	384
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	304	147	37	23	.	511
Week 2: Sep 14-20	304	201	47	24	.	576
Week 3: Sep 21-27	304	283	49	8	.	644
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 14-20	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 21-27	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	0
Week 2: Sep 14-20	0
Week 3: Sep 21-27	0

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Dallas						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	122	97	93	39	.	351
Week 2: Sep 14-20	190	121	93	43	.	447
Week 3: Sep 21-27	237	141	93	45	.	516
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	154	100	81	54	.	389
Week 2: Sep 14-20	232	100	76	-17	.	391
Week 3: Sep 21-27	261	100	87	19	.	467
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	573	478	255	185	.	1,491
Week 2: Sep 14-20	965	478	290	227	.	1,960
Week 3: Sep 21-27	1,263	478	315	336	.	2,392
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	37	0	.	.	.	37
Week 2: Sep 14-20	44	0	.	.	.	44
Week 3: Sep 21-27	48	0	.	.	.	48
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	0
Week 2: Sep 14-20	0
Week 3: Sep 21-27	0

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Denver						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	58	31	3	-12	.	80
Week 2: Sep 14-20	66	40	-2	-12	.	92
Week 3: Sep 21-27	72	48	-12	-12	.	96
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	44	8	6	-4	.	54
Week 2: Sep 14-20	46	8	9	4	.	67
Week 3: Sep 21-27	73	8	11	4	.	96
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	185	46	36	7	.	274
Week 2: Sep 14-20	248	46	50	15	.	359
Week 3: Sep 21-27	321	46	62	5	.	434
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	17	0	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Sep 14-20	15	0	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Sep 21-27	14	0	.	.	.	14
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	0
Week 2: Sep 14-20	0
Week 3: Sep 21-27	0

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Houston						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	455	136	44	19	.	654
Week 2: Sep 14-20	455	105	-20	13	.	553
Week 3: Sep 21-27	455	72	-11	4	.	520
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	308	295	21	-40	.	584
Week 2: Sep 14-20	308	310	0	-26	.	592
Week 3: Sep 21-27	308	282	-37	-11	.	542
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	1,132	220	48	43	.	1,443
Week 2: Sep 14-20	1,132	274	19	-6	.	1,419
Week 3: Sep 21-27	1,132	236	13	8	.	1,389
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	24	2	0	.	.	26
Week 2: Sep 14-20	43	2	0	.	.	45
Week 3: Sep 21-27	66	2	0	.	.	68
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	1	0	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Sep 14-20	1	0	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Sep 21-27	1	0	.	.	.	1

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Kansas City						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	110	96	57	-5	.	258
Week 2: Sep 14-20	110	59	60	0	.	229
Week 3: Sep 21-27	110	88	70	0	.	268
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	226	28	4	0	.	258
Week 2: Sep 14-20	226	6	4	-1	.	235
Week 3: Sep 21-27	226	22	16	0	.	264
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	844	89	45	-6	.	972
Week 2: Sep 14-20	844	97	60	1	.	1,002
Week 3: Sep 21-27	844	128	68	-2	.	1,038
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	48	0	.	.	.	48
Week 2: Sep 14-20	49	0	.	.	.	49
Week 3: Sep 21-27	52	0	.	.	.	52
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	1	1
Week 2: Sep 14-20	1	1
Week 3: Sep 21-27	1	1

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Los Angeles and Long Beach						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	883	576	385	50	.	1,894
Week 2: Sep 14-20	624	698	385	37	.	1,744
Week 3: Sep 21-27	733	877	385	-155	.	1,840
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	1,814	1,034	720	697	.	4,265
Week 2: Sep 14-20	1,814	909	1,015	586	.	4,324
Week 3: Sep 21-27	1,814	546	1,363	498	.	4,221
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	7,886	2,787	2,264	618	.	13,555
Week 2: Sep 14-20	7,886	3,296	1,475	611	.	13,268
Week 3: Sep 21-27	7,886	3,964	1,109	59	.	13,018
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	753	390	271	75	.	1,489
Week 2: Sep 14-20	767	395	227	75	.	1,464
Week 3: Sep 21-27	809	415	210	75	.	1,509
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	10	10	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Sep 14-20	7	10	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Sep 21-27	5	10	.	.	.	15

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Memphis						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	152	52	40	-5	.	239
Week 2: Sep 14-20	152	87	41	8	.	288
Week 3: Sep 21-27	152	116	48	-15	.	301
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	60	25	-38	-67	.	-20
Week 2: Sep 14-20	60	41	-22	-54	.	25
Week 3: Sep 21-27	60	44	75	-66	.	113
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	554	276	68	6	.	904
Week 2: Sep 14-20	554	452	99	33	.	1,138
Week 3: Sep 21-27	554	645	139	-2	.	1,336
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 14-20	0	2	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Sep 21-27	0	5	.	.	.	5
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	0
Week 2: Sep 14-20	0
Week 3: Sep 21-27	0

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Minneapolis						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	137	89	43	10	.	279
Week 2: Sep 14-20	137	85	40	-6	.	256
Week 3: Sep 21-27	137	97	47	-30	.	251
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	58	28	-42	-70	.	-26
Week 2: Sep 14-20	38	38	-42	-25	.	9
Week 3: Sep 21-27	8	30	-42	16	.	12
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	106	101	19	-216	.	10
Week 2: Sep 14-20	141	111	22	-216	.	58
Week 3: Sep 21-27	139	120	15	-216	.	58
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Sep 14-20	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 21-27	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	0
Week 2: Sep 14-20	0
Week 3: Sep 21-27	0

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New Orleans						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	111	106	5	-1	.	221
Week 2: Sep 14-20	111	96	2	0	.	209
Week 3: Sep 21-27	111	89	2	0	.	202
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	350	42	2	-2	.	392
Week 2: Sep 14-20	350	42	-2	0	.	390
Week 3: Sep 21-27	350	45	-7	0	.	388
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	782	55	8	-1	.	844
Week 2: Sep 14-20	782	69	10	0	.	861
Week 3: Sep 21-27	782	78	6	-1	.	865
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	3	0	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Sep 14-20	5	0	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Sep 21-27	6	0	.	.	.	6
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	1	1
Week 2: Sep 14-20	0
Week 3: Sep 21-27	-1	-1

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New York						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	1,014	985	535	448	.	2,982
Week 2: Sep 14-20	978	985	567	644	.	3,174
Week 3: Sep 21-27	1,060	985	629	772	.	3,446
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	1,188	621	479	158	.	2,446
Week 2: Sep 14-20	1,188	883	586	171	.	2,828
Week 3: Sep 21-27	1,188	1,212	663	245	.	3,308
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	5,750	1,192	757	694	.	8,393
Week 2: Sep 14-20	5,750	1,447	1,184	368	.	8,749
Week 3: Sep 21-27	5,750	1,572	1,778	382	.	9,482
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	375	127	81	10	.	593
Week 2: Sep 14-20	490	221	63	10	.	784
Week 3: Sep 21-27	583	293	56	10	.	942
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	16	5	.	.	.	21
Week 2: Sep 14-20	21	5	.	.	.	26
Week 3: Sep 21-27	20	5	.	.	.	25

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Norfolk						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	133	99	50	37	.	319
Week 2: Sep 14-20	147	91	50	43	.	331
Week 3: Sep 21-27	146	112	50	37	.	345
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	202	61	56	-59	.	260
Week 2: Sep 14-20	217	11	56	-1	.	283
Week 3: Sep 21-27	246	20	56	6	.	328
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	428	178	92	-99	.	599
Week 2: Sep 14-20	428	149	116	-10	.	683
Week 3: Sep 21-27	428	183	114	-202	.	523
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	124	78	10	8	.	220
Week 2: Sep 14-20	117	83	10	2	.	212
Week 3: Sep 21-27	144	75	10	3	.	232
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	5	3	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Sep 14-20	5	4	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Sep 21-27	5	6	.	.	.	11

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Oakland						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	105	80	73	8	.	266
Week 2: Sep 14-20	157	55	73	-42	.	243
Week 3: Sep 21-27	171	22	73	-15	.	251
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	107	100	58	-82	.	183
Week 2: Sep 14-20	126	100	62	-54	.	234
Week 3: Sep 21-27	62	100	71	-92	.	141
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	708	159	-235	-486	.	146
Week 2: Sep 14-20	708	99	-300	-346	.	161
Week 3: Sep 21-27	708	20	-524	-818	.	-614
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	258	165	30	27	.	480
Week 2: Sep 14-20	277	125	30	-52	.	380
Week 3: Sep 21-27	264	99	30	-39	.	354
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	10	6	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Sep 14-20	10	8	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Sep 21-27	10	8	.	.	.	18

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Savannah						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	227	162	88	37	.	514
Week 2: Sep 14-20	302	162	116	16	.	596
Week 3: Sep 21-27	387	162	94	40	.	683
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	157	131	-147	-162	.	-21
Week 2: Sep 14-20	322	109	-109	-162	.	160
Week 3: Sep 21-27	449	37	-145	-162	.	179
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	740	549	472	254	.	2,015
Week 2: Sep 14-20	740	591	728	282	.	2,341
Week 3: Sep 21-27	740	775	960	417	.	2,892
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	175	95	10	9	.	289
Week 2: Sep 14-20	190	92	10	-1	.	291
Week 3: Sep 21-27	192	101	10	-14	.	289
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	6	1	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Sep 14-20	12	1	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Sep 21-27	13	1	.	.	.	14

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Seattle						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	300	120	-56	.	.	364
Week 2: Sep 14-20	355	120	-102	.	.	373
Week 3: Sep 21-27	372	120	-120	.	.	372
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	374	175	10	.	.	559
Week 2: Sep 14-20	374	145	23	.	.	542
Week 3: Sep 21-27	374	146	24	.	.	544
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	1,378	357	83	.	.	1,818
Week 2: Sep 14-20	1,378	349	104	.	.	1,831
Week 3: Sep 21-27	1,378	342	104	.	.	1,824
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	391	28	20	.	.	439
Week 2: Sep 14-20	403	33	20	.	.	456
Week 3: Sep 21-27	347	33	20	.	.	400
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	3	1	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Sep 14-20	3	1	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Sep 21-27	4	1	.	.	.	5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Tacoma						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	153	41	-231	.	.	-37
Week 2: Sep 14-20	151	41	-201	.	.	-9
Week 3: Sep 21-27	155	41	-274	.	.	-78
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	85	37	-34	.	.	88
Week 2: Sep 14-20	105	37	-43	.	.	99
Week 3: Sep 21-27	93	37	-82	.	.	48
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	654	71	-484	.	.	241
Week 2: Sep 14-20	592	71	-589	.	.	74
Week 3: Sep 21-27	488	71	-733	.	.	-174
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	153	5	-372	.	.	-214
Week 2: Sep 14-20	151	5	-357	.	.	-201
Week 3: Sep 21-27	131	5	-387	.	.	-251
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Sep 7-13	1	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Sep 14-20	1	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Sep 21-27	1	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 5 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 2–4 offer a national overview of weekly container availability. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
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- Container availability estimates represent availability for all export cargo, not just agricultural products.
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- Terminology:
 - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
 - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
 - 20ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 20 feet long.
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